

House District 38

Mary Sattler Kapsner, Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: August 31, 1973

PLACE OF BIRTH: Anchorage, Alaska

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OCCUPATION: Legislator

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: lifelong

EDUCATION:

Poudre High School, 1990-1991, Diploma; University of Northern Colorado, 1991-1994; University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1994-1995; University of Alaska Southeast, 1995-1997; University of Alaska Anchorage, 1997-1998.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

State representative, 1999-2002; legislative intern, 1996.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Bethel coordinator, Coastal Village Seafoods; rural outreach coordinator, Boys & Girls Clubs of America; legislative correspondent, ARCS Midday News; fisheries technician, Alaska Department of Fish and Game; commercial fisherman; partner, Harvest Moon Seafoods, Inc.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Member, Suicide Prevention Council, 2001-2002; commissioner, Tolerance Commission 2001; board member, Governors Council on Safe Water and Sanitation, 1998-present; board member, Boys & Girls Clubs of Anchorage, statewide expansion, 1999-present; board member, Lower Kuskokwim Economic Development Council, 1998-present; Inuit Circumpolar Conference Youth Council, 1998; youth representative, National Congress of American Indians, 1995-1996.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, fishing, traveling.

STATEMENT:

It has been my honor and privilege to represent the people of the Y-K Delta/Bristol Bay region in the Legislature. I have tried to listen carefully and to represent the needs and views of our region in a **respectful manner**, and in a way that demonstrates our **firm resolve** to be players at the table.

Four years ago I pledged to work to **bring people together** on divisive issues. Progress is made one step, one person at a time. I am pleased to have played a part in **broadening the understanding of rural Alaska** for many urban legislators.

I pledge to continue to work for funding and solutions to the needs of our region. My priorities will be:

- A fair distribution of funds for **rural schools** operating and construction needs.
- A **fiscal plan**. Failure to address revenues will impact our permanent fund dividend as well as municipal assistance and revenue sharing.
- **Protection of subsistence**. The stability and security of every community in rural Alaska is dependent upon continued access to fish and game resources and a responsive management system.
- Access to high quality and affordable **basic human services** and the infrastructure to support them, including physical and mental health, housing, public safety, food and nutrition, child and elder care and disabled services.

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